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COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPORT TO THE COUNCIL BY THE AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO, WHICH IS ONE OF THE THREE
SPECIFIC MATTERS TO WHICH THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION HAS BEEN
SPECIFICALLY DRAWN BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT
(THE OTHERS: INTENSIFYING THE WORK OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMBINED MILITARY COORDINA-
TION AND PLANNING STAFF). BEGIN TEXT:

REPORT TO THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL BY THE A
D HOC
COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO--MAY, 1977

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE MEETING OF THE
US-SPANISH COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 9, HELD ITS FRIST MEETING ON MAY 2.
THERE WAS AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS REGARDING THE FUTURE WORK OF
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THE COMMITTEE IN CARRYING OUT ITS MANDATE TO PROPOSE TO THE COUNCIL
SPECIFIC MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEANINGFUL
COORDINATION WITH NATO. FROM THAT EXCHANGE IT APPEARED THAT THE
COUNCIL'S GUIDANCE WOULD BE USEFUL ON SEVERAL POINTS, AND THESE
ARE HIGHLIGHTED BELOW.

I. CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO TWO UNITED STATES LISTS OF

ILLUSTRATIVE AREAS FOR PROMOTING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE ALLIANCE. WITH RESPECT TO THESE LISTS, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ATTACHED, THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. AT THIS FIRST MEETING, DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE AREAS OF INTEROPERABILITY, STANDARDIZATION, LINKAGE OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS, AND BILATERAL DISCLOSURE POLICY. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT VARIOUS AREAS MENTIONED IN THESE LISTS ARE ALREADY THE SUBJECT OF ACTION BY SPAIN; SOME ARE THE MORE IMMEDIATE PROVINCE OF OTHER ORGANS (NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE, THE COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF, ETC.); AND OTHERS CAN BE PURSUED IN PURELY BILATERAL CHANNELS BETWEEN SPAIN AND MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE COMMITTEE PROPOSED THAT THE COMMITTEE THEREFORE FOCUS ITS EFFORTS MORE DIRECTLY ON THE EXPLORATION OF POTENTIAL MEASURES, BILATERAL AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE NATO ITSELF OR TAKE PLACE DIRECTLY IN A NATO CONTEXT. RECOMMENDATION: IN THIS RESPECT, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE COUNCIL THAT IT BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL THROUGH ITS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DIRECTLY, AS NECESSARY, SUCH OPPORTUNITIES, BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY, FOR MORE DIRECT CONTACT WITH NATO AS THEY BECOME FEASIBLE.

II. IN THIS FIRST MEETING, THE COMMITTEE ALSO ENTERTAINED A PROPOSAL FROM THE SPANISH SIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE STUDY THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH CLOSER COORDINATION WITH NATO AND, EVEN MORE, EVENTUAL SPANISH MEMBERSHIP, WOULD HAVE FOR BILATERAL SPAIN-ALLIANCE RELATIONS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AND TO THE BILATERAL ORGANS CREATED BY THE TREATY.

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RECOMMENDATION: RECOGNIZING THAT ANY EVENTUAL STUDY WOULD HAVE TO BE TAILORED TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE IT TO PROCEED TO BEGIN COLLECTING AND ANALYZING INFORMATION USEFUL TO SUCH A STUDY.

III. THE COMMITTEE WILL SEEK TO BECOME THE PRINCIPAL CHANNEL IN MADRID OF INFORMATION, BOTH U.S. AND SPANISH, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ALLIANCE AND ITS OBJECTIVES, SO AS TO FACILITATE THE EVENTUAL DECISION OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WILL OF THE NATION EXPRESSED THROUGH ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

RECOMMENDATION: THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTS THAT APPROPRIATE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF THE COMMITTEE ON A REGULAR BASIS ON THE WORK OF THE ALLIANCE, IN PARTICULAR ON THE PERIODIC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

IV. FINALLY, WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS ON A CONTINUING BASIS, THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO MEET FREQUENTLY AND TO INVITE TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS AT

OPPORTUNE MOMENTS APPROPRIATE U.S.CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS
WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ALLIANCE.

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